



Tuesday 31 August, 2010

Supplementary Water Access Update

State Water Corporation last night announced updated details regarding the current Supplementary Water Access period in the Murray Valley which now includes a short period of limited access for Murray Irrigation at both the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes.

Off Allocation Water Access is **not** currently available internally within Murray Irrigation.

Murray Irrigation's access to Supplementary Water is presently restricted to the following rates from Tuesday 31 August to Thursday 2 September inclusive (3 days access).

- Mulwala Canal Offtake Restriction – 3,000ML/day (30 percent of channel capacity)
- Wakool Canal Offtake Restriction – 300ML/day (13 percent of channel capacity)

As a large proportion of Murray Irrigation's channels are currently either empty or well below full supply level, Murray Irrigation will initially fully utilise all of its access to Supplementary Water for channel refilling.

This will result in significant savings to the volume of water Murray Irrigation will require to use from its conveyance allocation later in the season. These savings will provide a direct benefit to all customers and will improve opportunities for Water Efficiency Allocations to be considered as the season progresses.

Internal access to Off Allocation Water for customers will be considered once Murray Irrigation's ability to divert Supplementary Water for channel refilling falls below restrictions applied to its diversions at the Mulwala Canal and Wakool Canal offtakes. When required, Off Allocation Water announcements will be made as soon as possible via *Talking Water*, SMS and a message on the Water Ordering line. It is possible that an Off Allocation Water announcement could be made late today to start on Wednesday 1 September.

Further advice regarding the current Supplementary Access Period is expected to be announced by State Water Corporation on Thursday 2 September.

Further Information

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